

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

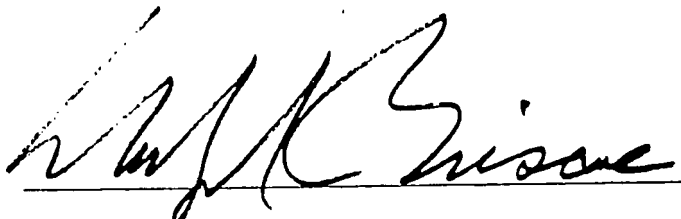
June 17, 1977

As provided under the provisions of Section 14, Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas, I disapprove of H.B. No. 1592 and am filing same with the Secretary of State setting forth the following objections:

I disapprove of House Bill No. 1592, which relates to interpreters for deaf persons in judicial proceedings and confessions. This Bill conflicts with Senate Bill No. 157, which I signed on June 10, 1977. Both Bills amend Article 38.22, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, in a manner which, if both were signed into law, could result in confusion in the law of confessions.

My disapproval of House Bill No. 1592 will not sacrifice the rights of deaf persons since current law already provides for an interpreter for a deaf person accused in a criminal proceeding and for a deaf party or witness in a civil case. Constitutional and statutory law prohibiting confessions without a knowing, intelligent, and voluntary waiver of rights also provides protection for the deaf accused.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the seal of the State of Texas to be affixed hereto at Austin, Texas, this 17th day of June, 1977.



DOLPH BRISCOE
Governor of Texas

MARK WHITE
Secretary of State